

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION MASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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David Alpert, Treasurer New York State Democratic Committee 60 Madison Avenue Suite 1201 New York, NY 10010

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Identification Number:

C00143230

Reference:

April Quarterly Report (1/1/02-3/31/02)

Dear Mr. Alpert:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18 Column A of your report, discloses \$390,000 in transfers from the non-federal account for joint activity for the reporting period. However, Line 21 (a)(ii) Column A discloses \$334,967.58 as the non-federal share for joint activity for the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for shared activity, transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the total excessive amount which was received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-A review of the reports filed by your committee (pertinent portion(s) attached) indicates that your committee received one or more transfers from Unity 1998 Committee which has not been disclosed on their report(s) of

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receipts and disbursements. Please provide clarifying information regarding the source of the transfer(s) received by your committee.

-Your report does not include a Schedule H1 to disclose the ratio for the allocation of administrative and generic voter drive costs. Schedule H1 must be filed with the first report each year for National, State and Local party committees, and with the first report filed in the two-year election cycle for Separate Segregated Funds and Non-connected committees. All shared administrative and generic voter drive costs incurred during the two-year cycle must be allocated according to this ratio, unless the federal account elects to pay a higher percentage of its cost. 11 CFR §106.5(b)(2), (d)(1), (d)(2) and 11 CFR §§104.10(b)(1)(ii)(B) and 106.6(c)

-Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) which is categorized as a fundraising expense(s); however, a Schedule H2 has not been filed to disclose the allocation ratio. All committees are required to allocate the direct costs of each fundraising event in which the committee collects both federal and non-federal funds. The costs are allocated according to the funds received ratio and reported on Schedule H2. 11 CFR §§106.5(f) and 106.6(d). Please file a Schedule H2 to disclose the ratio for the fundraising event(s).

-literaized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule 1:4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): constituent expense and vendor refund. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-On Schedule D of your previous report, you disclosed a debt(s) owed to Nationwide Credit Inc. This obligation(s), however, has been omitted from this report. Please amend your report to include this debt(s) on Schedule D and Line 10 of the Summary Page. All debts and obligations must be disclosed until extinguished. 11 CFR §104.11

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need

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assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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